# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Rockwell International Wheel & Trim Grenada, Mississippi



# Superfund Fact Sheet 1

January 2018

#### Public Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Lewis Johnson Senior Citizen
Complex
299 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Grenada, MS

#### Introduction

In consultation with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed the Rockwell International Wheel & Trim site ("Rockwell Grenada," also commonly known as Grenada Manufacturing LLC) in Grenada, Mississippi, to the Superfund program National Priorities List (NPL). EPA will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the Superfund cleanup program and answer questions on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Grenada. Representatives from MDEQ will participate. EPA is also soliciting public comments on the proposed listing for 60 days ending on March 19, 2018.

This fact sheet provides an overview of the Superfund process, how to submit public comments, a site description, history and current/future activities.

# **Proposal to the Superfund National Priorities List**

Superfund, as established by Congress in 1980, investigates and cleans up hazardous waste sites. EPA adds sites to the NPL when contamination threatens human health and the environment. EPA deletes sites once all response actions are complete and all cleanup goals have been achieved. EPA typically initiates Superfund involvement because states, tribes or citizens ask for the Agency's help. The Agency may also find contamination during its own investigations.

EPA has been overseeing the cleanup of the Rockwell Grenada site under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program. EPA's priority is a comprehensive approach that addresses all contamination related to the former chrome plating operation at the facility and in the surrounding community. Adding the site to the NPL will allow EPA to conduct a comprehensive assessment of all the risks to public health and the environment, and take the necessary cleanup actions. Only sites added to the NPL are eligible to receive federal funding for long-term cleanup.

#### **Public Comment**

Information that EPA used to support the NPL proposal is available for public review and comment. EPA will consider public comments before making a final decision about adding the site to the NPL. Materials compiled by the EPA to propose the Rockwell Grenada site to the NPL can be obtained in several ways:

 Online at <u>www.regulations.gov</u>. In the search bar, type in the docket number for the Rockwell Grenada site: EPA-HQ-OLEM-2017-0608.

# We want to hear from you!

The public comment period for the proposed NPL listing is January 18 to March 19, 2018.

Follow the instruction on p. 2 to submit your comments.

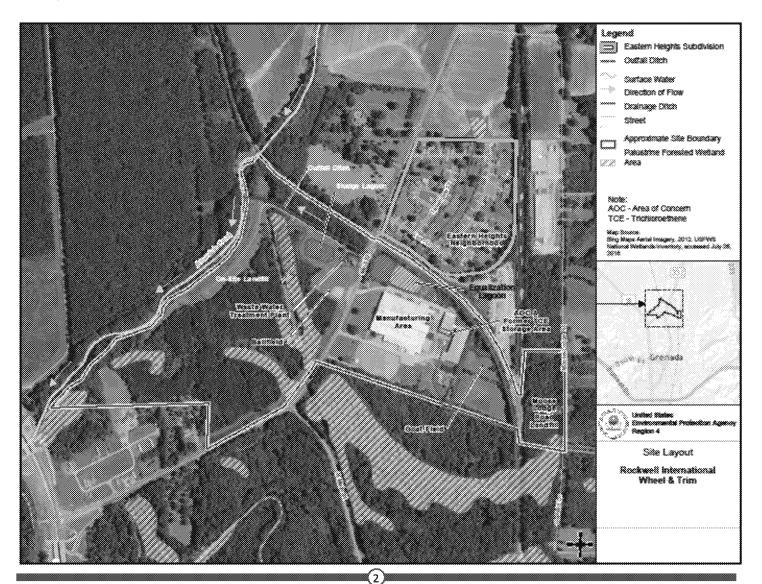
## **Public Comment (continued)**

- 2. Contact EPA Region 4's NPL Coordinator, Cathy Amoroso (contact information below), to have an electronic copy mailed to you. You may also call Cathy Amoroso to make an appointment to view electronic copies at the EPA Regional Library in Atlanta (address below).
- 3. Visit the local information repository to view the materials in person. The information repository is located at the Elizabeth Jones Library, 1050 Fairfield Avenue in Grenada.

The public has 60 days to comment on the proposed listing of the Rockwell Grenada site to the NPL. Submit your comments from January 18 to March 19, 2018, at <a href="www.regulations.gov">www.regulations.gov</a>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. All comments MUST include the docket number EPA-HQ-OLEM-2017-0608. Comments can also be mailed to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; EPA Superfund Docket Center; Mail Code 28221T; 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; Washington, DC 20460.

## Site Location and Description

The Rockwell Grenada site is located in Grenada, Grenada County, Mississippi. The site includes the 40-acre main facility located at 635 Highway 332, former waste disposal areas west of Highway 332 (between Highway 332 and Riverdale Creek), the approximately 4-acre Rockwell International Moose Lodge Road Disposal Site located directly east of the main facility, and any other areas where site-related contaminants have migrated or come to be located. Rockwell Grenada is bordered to the north by a rail road track and the Eastern Heights neighborhood beyond; to the south by forest wetlands; and to the west by Riverdale Creek.



## Site History

Rockwell International, followed by Textron Automotive and later by Grenada Manufacturing, operated a wheel cover manufacturing and chrome plating facility on the property from 1966 to the early 2000s. In 2005, portions of the plant were leased to Ice Industries, which converted the facility to a metal stamping plant known as Grenada Stamping that continues to operate today.

Past operations, spills, and waste handling practices resulted in groundwater, surface water and soil contamination. The solvent trichloroethene (TCE) and related contaminants have been found in the air inside the manufacturing building, groundwater, former disposal areas associated with the facility, nearby wetlands and Riverdale Creek.

#### **Current and Future Activities**

On December 29, 2017, a treatment system intended to reduce elevated levels of TCE inside the manufacturing building at the Grenada Stamping facility was restarted under an EPA removal action. Removal actions are short-term responses intended to protect people from risks or potential risks associated with contaminated sites. People who work inside the manufacturing facility have been notified about the air contamination and the steps being taken to remove contaminants.

The treatment system will operate with EPA oversight and monitoring. EPA will require the Facility to submit a sampling plan for the system in order to ensure the system is performing properly and that workers and the surrounding community are protected while the system operates. EPA continues to work with the MDEQ and the Facility to identify long-term measures to reduce and eventually eliminate the source of TCE contamination beneath the Facility.



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#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Websites

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